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AND METHOD FOR
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were first called to Applicant's attention in a European Patent Search Report dated January 12, 2004 for counterpart European Patent Application No. 99308455.7. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents.

Applicant notes that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,430,298; 5,262,649; 5,187,369; European Patent Application No. 0 555 907 A1; and WO 98/36290 were cited in the form PTO-1449 in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the Office on October 27, 2003, and therefore Applicant has not cited them herein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant submits that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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